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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: WAYNE C. TUCKER ET AL
For: CHROMATE-FREE METHOD FOR SURFACE ETCHING OF TITANIUM
Customer No. 23523

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
FILING OF APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

To the Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is directed to the accompanying Rule 1.53(b) application which is a division application of Serial No. 10/143,173, filed 7 May 2002. Please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims: are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 7 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings: none.

Remarks/Arguments: begin on page 9 of this paper.